

**Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults
Date of Final Award – February 11, 2019**

Name of Program: Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults

Purpose:

Growing awareness of the extent and dangers of misuse of prescription medications among all populations - especially painkillers—has led to a major public health effort to control access to these substances. These endeavors have led to some decline in the number of prescriptions being written, but the situation continues to be a serious problem. It is noteworthy that better pain management, which would vastly reduce the excessive use and/or addiction to prescription painkillers, does not appear to be on the agenda while efforts to control access to such medications make headlines. This Request for Proposals (RFP) sought to fund programs that will provide education to older adults (age 60+) on alternatives to opioid analgesics as a means of dealing with acute or chronic pain.

This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) State Opioid Repose (short title: SOR) grant. The SOR grant period is September 30, 2018 to September 29, 2020. Total annualized funding is \$375,000 subject to Federal appropriations. DMHAS made five (5) awards of approximately \$75,000 each.

Agency Name	CEO/ Executive Director	Amount Funded	County of Award
Cape May Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Inc	Katie Faldetta	\$75,000	Cape May
Family Connections, Inc.	Jacques Hryshko	\$75,000	Essex
NewBridge Services, Inc.	Robert L. Parker	\$75,000	Morris
Ocean County Board of Health	Daniel Regenye	\$74,908	Ocean
Prevention Links	Morgan Thompson	\$75,000	Union